

**TOWN OF STURBRIDGE, MA
BOARD OF HEALTH**

**Monday September 9, 2019
Center Office Building- 2nd Floor**

Meeting Called to Order: 5:35 pm

Quorum Check:	Confirmed	
Members Present:	Linda Cocalis (LC), Chairman George Debusk (GD) Richard Volpe (RV)	Members Absent:

Others Present: Erin Carson (EC) Administrative Assistant
Ken Lacey (KL) Health Agent
Joshua Aleirgena Owner of 100 Breakneck Road
Kevin Alirgena Owner of 100 Breakneck Road

5:3pm Approval of Minutes

Motion by RV to approve the Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2019 as written. 2nd by LC; AIF 2-0
Motion by RV to approve the Meeting Minutes of January 23, 2019 as written. 2nd by LC; AIF 2-0
Motion by RV to approve the Meeting Minutes of March 25, 2019 as written. 2nd by LC; AIF 2-0
Motion by RV to approve the Meeting Minutes of April 29, 2019 as written. 2nd by LC; AIF 2-0
Motion by RV to approve the Meeting Minutes of May 20, 2019 as written. 2nd by LC; AIF 2-0

5:40pm ETR Labs

ETR Labs is still under investigation from the State so we are not discussing ETR Labs use in Sturbridge. KL will reach out to DEP this week and find out more information and report back to the board of his findings.

5:55pm Discussion with Owner of 100 Breakneck Road

LC-There is a 1000-foot buffer zone between a landfill expansion and private well but currently no state regulations going the other way. (Distance to a landfill from a new private well) The BOH has concerns about well potentially near the Sturbridge Landfill on Breakneck Road. The Southbridge Landfill has caused drinking water issued in this town and neighboring communities which we would like to protect this community from in the future.

KA(property owner) has intentions of developing this area of 100 Breakneck Road with homes; including a home across from the Sturbridge Recycling Center possibility for his personal use. There is no way in the immediate future for a public water supply to expand to that street, so the only option for the development of homes in to install private wells. Although there are no state regulations regarding the installation of wells within a short proximity to a landfill, the BOH does have language in their current regulations to protect the drinking water they can impose. This can be found under section VI Well Location and Use Requirements "The Board reserves the right to impose minimum lateral distance requirements from other potential sources of contamination not listed above. All such special well location requirements shall be listed, in writing as a condition of the well construction permit."

LC explained to the PO about the impact of the Southbridge Landfill on the water supply on McGilpin Rd in Sturbridge and the dangers of the compounds found in wells contaminated by landfills.

PO has done some work on the property with clearing, perc testing and well applications for the lots with approved ANRs. KA wants to know why the Town has not shown interest in purchasing the land before now, with all the concerns this Board has with the wells proximity to the landfill. The BOH was not aware that the land for sale. The Board discussed with the owner that they will draft a letter to the Town Administrator in favor of the Town of Sturbridge purchasing "lots 19 & 20" which is approximately 21 acres with 1000 ft of road frontage.

6:30 GD entered the Meeting

The BOH and KL updated GD on the discussion regarding 100 Breakneck Rd and the proximity to the landfill and he is also in support of the Town of Sturbridge purchasing the land to mitigate risk.

6:38 Motion by RV to write a letter to Jeff Bridges; Sturbridge Town Administrator to recommend the Town purchase "Lots 19 and 20" the approximate 21 acres to the left of the stream on 100 Breakneck Road to mitigate the risk to the town. 2nd by GD AIG 3-0

Open Forum: KL gave the BOH the following updates:

EEE risk levels will not lower until the first hard frost. The Agent will attend Cannabis training in Northampton, MA tomorrow along with other Health Agents in the state. Sturbridge was part of the Worcester collaborative for Tobacco inspections in town and the collaborative has dissolved.. Sturbridge will host a training for tobacco inspections on September 23rd in the COB since we will now do our own inspections. The Agent is currently working on the leachate pumping contract and will start modifications to the Sturbridge Well Regulations over the winter. The office is hopeful the Board will consider quarterly regular meetings for 2020.

Next Meeting: TBD

Adjournment: Motion to Adjourn at 7:05 pm by LC, 2nd: RV, Vote 3-0, AIF

The items listed, which may be discussed at the meeting, are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair.~ Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.~ For those items that will be discussed, the Conservation Commission will address its questions and concerns with a proponent before allowing the public to weigh in on the topic being discussed with the proponent.~ For public discussion of non-agenda items, such discussion will be handled during the Walk-in period or as allowed by the Chair.